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Remarks

The applicant has carefully considered the Office action dated June 30, 2006, and the references it cites. By way of this response, recitations from claim 36, which was indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form, have been incorporated into independent claims 1 and 23. Additionally, a number of previously withdrawn claims have been reinstated and indicated to be previously presented because they are now dependent on allowable generic claims. Thus, allowance of all claims in the case is respectfully requested.

On August 23, 2006, the undersigned e-mailed a draft response to Examiner Hayes. Subsequently, Examiner Hayes left the undersigned a voicemail indicating that the response appeared to place the application in condition for allowance. The undersigned thanks Examiner Hayes for his efforts in moving this case to allowance.

If there is any issue the examiner would like to discuss, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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